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SUBJECT: REVISED FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVELS
FOR JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 819

1. SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT DECISION TO RESTORE
THE CUTS RECOMMENDED IN THE FORD BUDGET AND RETURN FY 78
MIDDLE EAST SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE LEVELS REQUESTED IN
FY 77, WE HAVE BEEN TAKING A FINAL LOOK AT THE ALLOCATION
OF JORDAN'S TOTAL DOLS 222.5 MILLION AMONG THE THREE
PROGRAMS (FMS, MAP, AND SSA). IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO REQUEST A GRANT
MAP PROGRAM OF DOLS 70 MILLION IN THE FACE OF STRONG
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EVIDENCE THAT CONGRESS IS NOT LIKELY TO FUND THE PROGRAM AT
THIS LEVEL. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THE TREND IN
CONGRESS CLEARLY HAS BEEN AGAINST GRANT MAP IN GENERAL
AND THERE IS NO SIGN THAT FY 78 WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT.
THERE IS ALSO ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL RESISTANCE TO
FURNISHING GRANT MILITARY AID TO AN ARAB CONFRONTATION
STATE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN RESPONSE TO OUR FY 76 AND FY 77 RE-

QUESTS FOR DOLS 100 MILLION AND 70 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY,
IN MAP FUNDS FOR JORDAN, CONGRESS APPROPRIATED ONLY
DOLS 50 MILLION AND DOLS 55 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

FURTHERMORE, WHEN CONGRESS APPROPRIATED AN ADDITIONAL UN-
REQUESTED DOLS 60 MILLION FOR JORDAN FOR THE TRANSITION
QUARTER, THIS WAS ALL IN THE FORM OF SSA EVEN THOUGH THE
ADMINISTRATION HAD AN OUTSTANDING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
REQUEST FOR DOLS 20 MILLION IN MAP.

2. WITH THE KNOWN DIFFICULTIES WE FACE IN TRYING TO
OBTAIN DOLS 70 MILLION IN GRANT MAP FOR JORDAN IN FY 78,
WE WERE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING UP TO
DOLS 15 MILLION OF THIS TO SSA. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF YOUR
RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION IN PARA 3 (B) REFTL, IT
APPEARS THAT SUCH A SHIFT WOULD NEITHER BE FEASIBLE NOR
DESIRABLE. WE ARE THEREFORE PREPARED TO RETAIN OUR FY 78
REQUEST LEVELS EXACTLY AS THEY WERE IN FY 77 (DOLS 75
MILLION FMS, DOLS 77.5 MILLION SSA, AND DOLS 70 MILLION
MAP), BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE A FINAL CONCURRENCE FROM
YOU BEFORE PROCEEDING.

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